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CDBG MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM

Community Development Block Grant Program

TO: All Eligible Jurisdictions and Interested Parties DATE: June 1, 2000

SUBJECT: Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance (P/TA) Allocation

Fiscal Year July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

NOFA/Program Purpose:

This memo constitutes the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Planning and Technical Assistance Allocation for Fiscal Year 2000/2001. P/TA provides funding in the form of grants to small cities and counties for planning and feasibility studies related to CDBG eligible activities such as housing, public works, community facilities, and economic development.

Funds Available:

The State Department of Housing and Community Development announces the availability of funding under the 2000/2001 CDBG Planning and Technical Assistance (P/TA) component. The Department will make \$2,797,216 available under the General/Native American Allocation and \$1,326,690 under the Economic Development Allocation.

HUD National Objectives

- Activities must meet a <u>HUD national objective</u>:
 - 1. <u>Targeted Income Group (TIG) Benefit</u>. This means that if the P/TA study were implemented, at least 51 percent of the persons who benefit from the implementation earn less than 80 percent of the area median income.
 - CDBG publishes annual income limits by county. These are in the Attachment 9 of the Application Package and are also available on HCD's Home Page.
 - 2. <u>Preventing slums and blight</u>. This means aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight.

- G/NA P/TA studies are restricted to meeting only the first objective.
- ED P/TA studies can meet either of the two objectives.
 - If the ED objective is to benefit TIG, then the planning activity must be reasonably related to an economic development activity which could result in the creation or retention of permanent, private sector jobs that will be principally (51 percent) filled by TIG persons; or
 - The State CDBG program must make the determination that the proposed planning activity is reasonably related to an economic development project that would result in the elimination or prevention of a slum or blighted condition.

Application Package:

For eligible jurisdictions, the application package is included with this memo.

For interested parties:

- call (916) 445-6000 to request a hard copy
- download from the CDBG web site at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/ca/cdbg
- email the G/NA or ED Program Secretary at jruggire@hcd.ca.gov, or terringt@hcd.ca.gov

Application Period:

The application period starts upon release of this NOFA. CDBG will award the 2000/2001 funds following the July 1st start of the new program year, subject to availability of Federal funds and passage of the State budget.

Applications are accepted each month and are due at the CDBG office (not postmarked) by 5:00 p.m. on the last working day of each month to be considered in the following month.

The first application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2000.

The last application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2001.

Changes for this year:

There is no separate NOFA package. CDBG has combined all the relevant application material into one application package and made minor formatting changes to the application forms.

For more information:

Please call (916) 445-6000 and ask for the CDBG Representative for your area.